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INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 995

DATE: March 30, 2011

TO: Iowa Medicaid Audiologists, Hearing Aid and Physician Providers

ISSUED BY: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Hearing Aid "W" Codes, Monaural Dispensing Code

EFFECTIVE: May 1, 2011

In order to be compliant with HIPAA requirements for uniform billing codes, the following changes are being made:

- The dispensing fee for a monaural hearing aid should be billed using V5241 (dispensing fee, monaural hearing aid, any type). For dates of service on or after May 1, 2011, V5090 (dispensing fee, unspecified hearing aid) should no longer be used for a monaural hearing aid.
- The "W" codes listed below will no longer be payable for dates of service on or after May 1, 2011. The services should be billed using the codes as shown below.

Code	Description	Use Instead
W0121	Hearing aid selection (Dispenser only)	V5010
W0122	Hearing aid dispensing fee, monaural, nursing home	V5241 with "U3" modifier
W0125	Service/handling charge, out of house repair/modification	V5014*
W0127	Service charge, ear mold replacement	V5275
W0128	Annual service charge	92592 or 92593
W0134	Hearing aid dispensing fee, binaural, nursing home	V5160 with "U3" modifier

- * Reimbursement for this service will be included in the manual pricing for the materials for the repair

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